

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 20, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building and Via WebEx
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce, and Jon Stantz.

Also, Present Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Drew Flamion and Richard Lorenz (via WEBEX), Street Supt., Tony Floyd, Sewer Supt. John Hodge.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Dean Bruce reported that the bids for the wastewater project were reviewed, and both the engineers and attorney recommended the lowest bidder, Robinson Pipe Cleaning, for \$562,286.70.

Next Resolution 2020-12 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment was presented for approval. This relates to the Economic Development Response to COVID-19 and the commitment of local funds in the amount of \$50,000.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the resolution, and it was seconded by Dean Bruce. Dean Bruce and Mike Spinks voted in favor of the resolution, and Jon Stantz voted no. Jon Stantz stated his reason for voting against it, was because he did not feel that the award of a maximum of \$10,000 for a business would not do much good at this time.

Next up, Ordinance 2020-09 Establishing a Capital Asset Policy was presented for approval. The Clerk-Treasurer stated this is an update to the existing policy and its primary purpose is to up the amounts for capital assets from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the ordinance, it was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dean reported that the EDC will hold their quarterly round table on August 12th, from 10:00 AM to noon.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meetings delayed until September 16.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Asst Chief Rannix Tinsley sent a department update. Chief Foutch has still not been released for duty, they anticipate another four weeks.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave a departmental report. At issue is the discrepancy of miles between INDOT and the Town. The discrepancy is related to Garden Drive.

John Stantz reported that we received our purchase order from INDOT for the Community Crossing Grants program.

Regarding the sunken manholes along Morgan Street, the State has respond that the maintenance of those manholes is the Town's responsibility. There is still some question has to who has that responsibility, but it was agreed that the Town should do a temporary repair until the responsibility is determined.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant and collections maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory operations. There are still a couple of issues remaining from the prior volunteer fire fighters contract.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Dean Bruce gave an update on the Parks Board and their potential projects.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz made a report on various projects. He reported that the MyPath project was moving along, and he anticipated the project to begin sometime in September. He also reported that he estimated an annual operations cost for the public restrooms in the range of \$12,000. He would like to see if there could be some way to get some perpetuating funds to help with these costs from other organizations.

The next meeting for the McCormick Creek/Town Sewer project is set for August 14. Also on August 4, there will be a meeting to see where we are on the storm water rates project.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz updated the rest of the Board on the sidewalk project.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Public Hearing for the COVID-19 Response Grant is scheduled for next Tuesday, July 28, at 4:00 P.M.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval. A motion and a second to approve was made, and unanimously approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, Member

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer